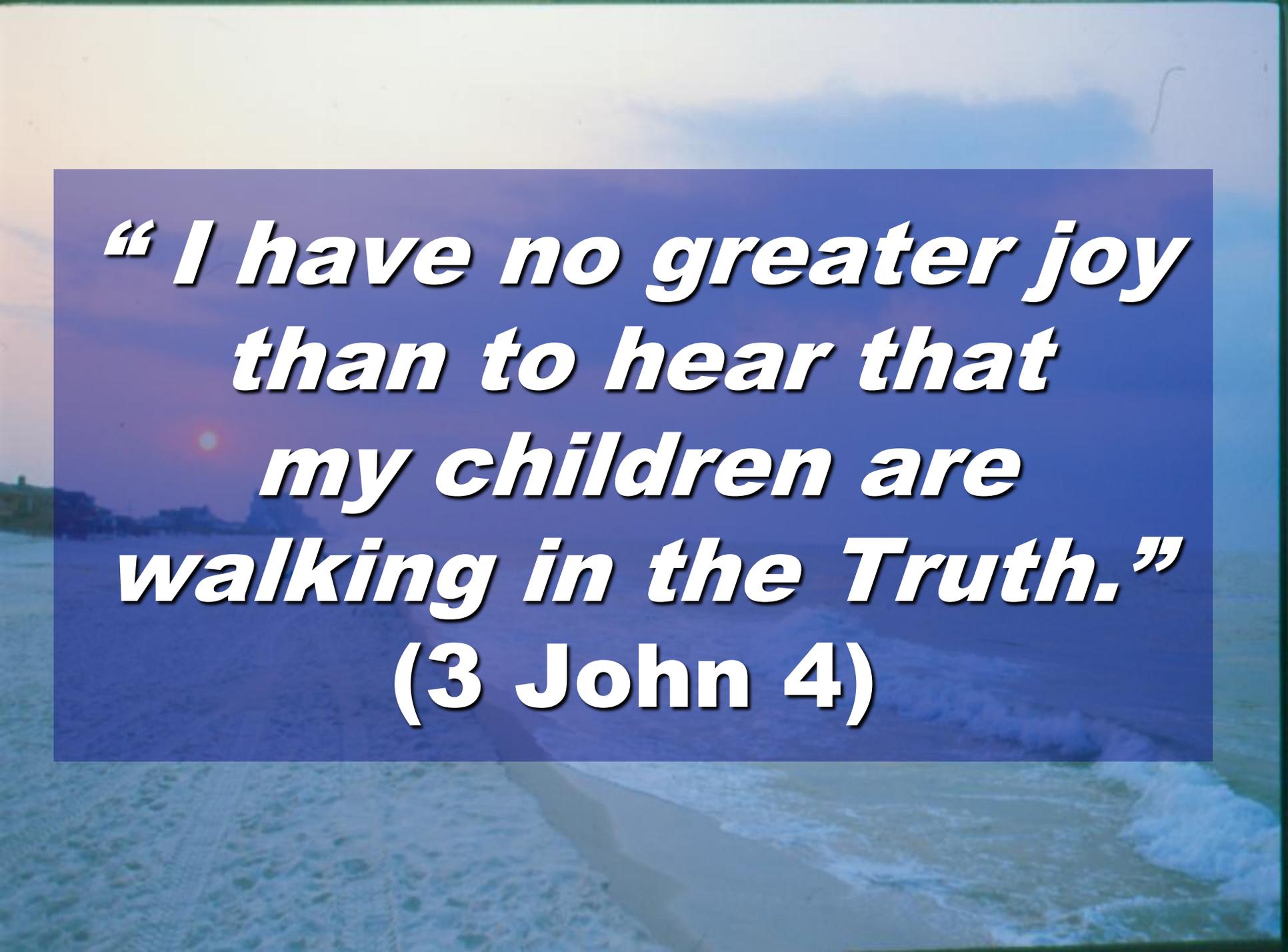
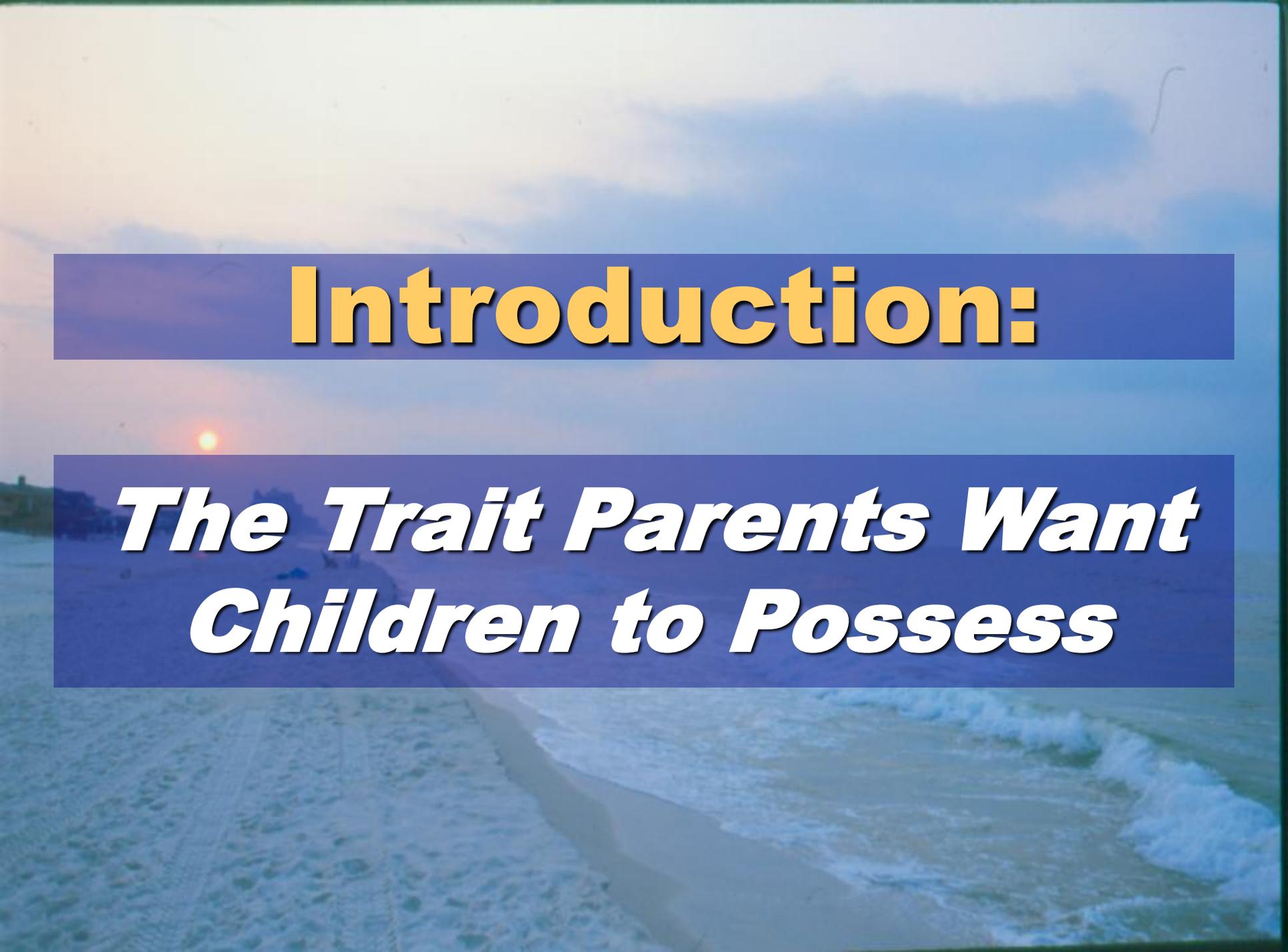


**The Family that  
Goes the Distance!**

**Colossians 3:18-24**



***“ I have no greater joy  
than to hear that  
my children are  
walking in the Truth.”  
(3 John 4)***



# Introduction:

***The Trait Parents Want  
Children to Possess***

**63%** - **Sense of Responsibility**

**49%** - **Good Manners**

**45%** - **Tolerance of Others**

**36%** - **A Meaningful Faith**

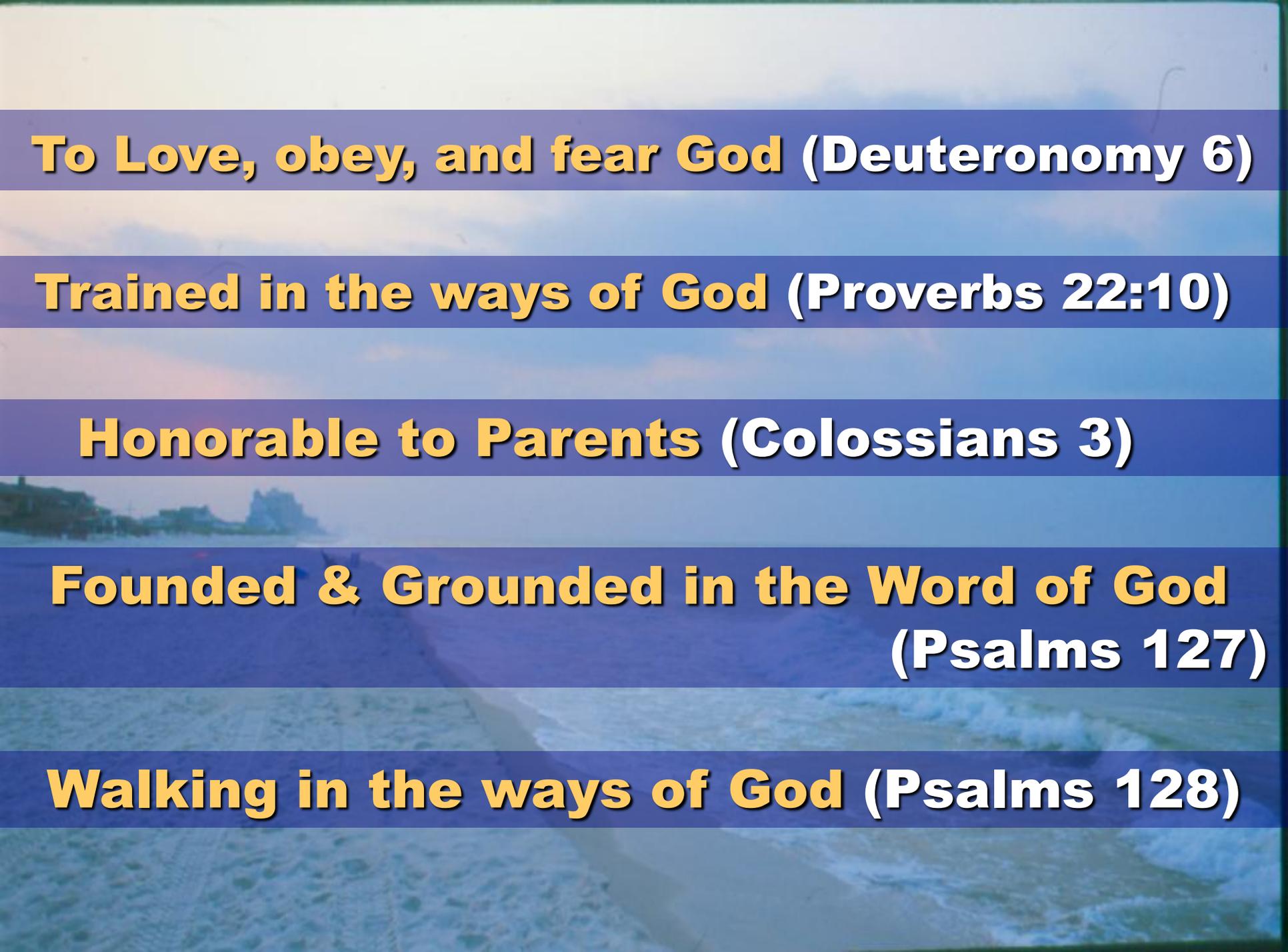
**29%** - **Be independent**



# **The Scripture List**

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## **What God Wants**



**To Love, obey, and fear God (Deuteronomy 6)**

**Trained in the ways of God (Proverbs 22:10)**

**Honorable to Parents (Colossians 3)**

**Founded & Grounded in the Word of God  
(Psalms 127)**

**Walking in the ways of God (Psalms 128)**

# How Parents Spend Family Time (per week)

**86%** - Watch TV Together.

**80%** - Spend 30 minutes talking about things important to the child.

**73%** - Spend time doing homework.

**69%** - Go to a restaurant together.

**59%** - Took a trip that the children would enjoy.

**49%** - Played some type of a game.

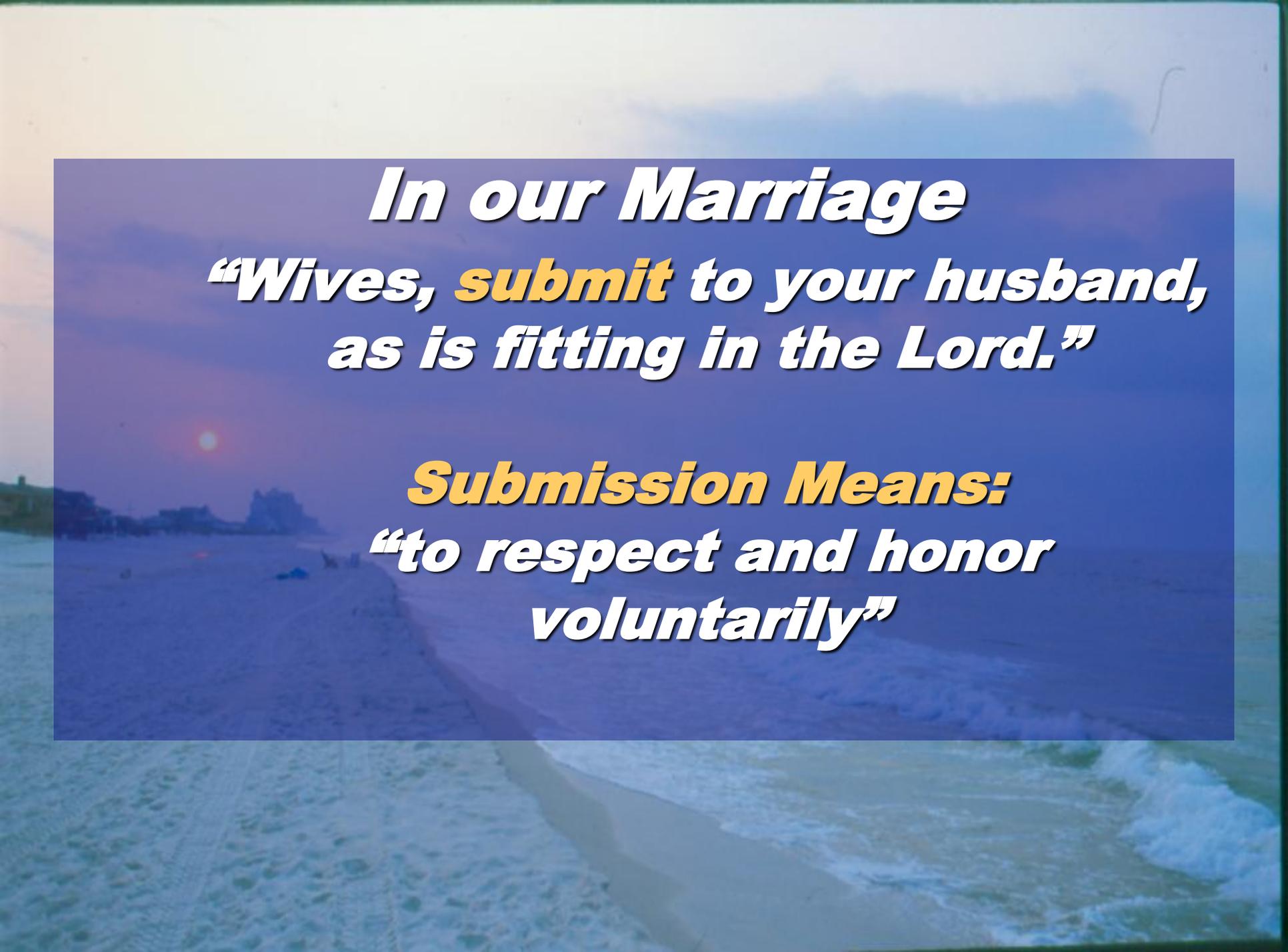
**23%** - Attended an activity together.

**13%** - Went to a movie together.

**8%** - **Went to church together.**



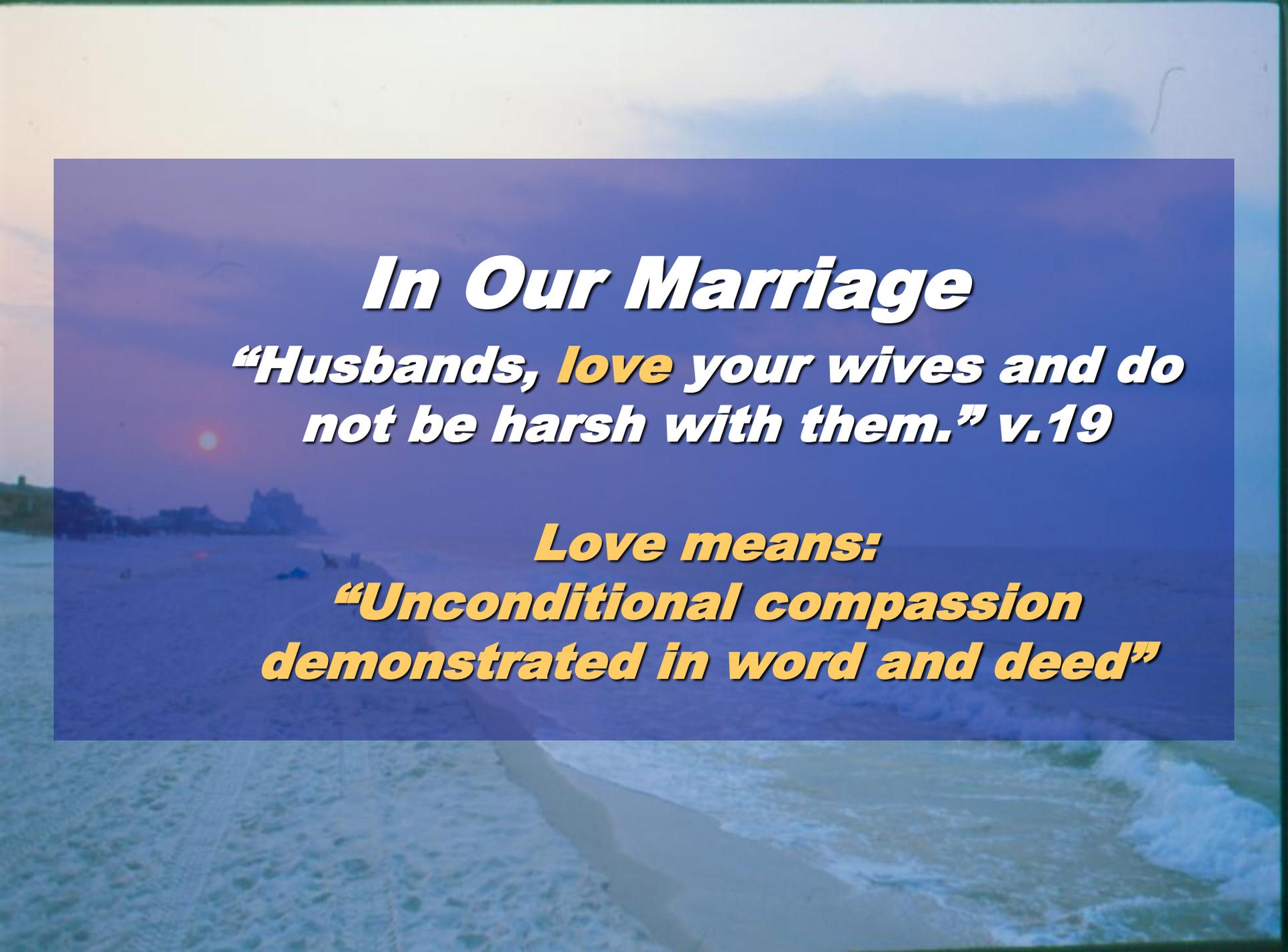
***Relationships that  
Honor God -  
Biblical Principles***



***In our Marriage***

***“Wives, **submit** to your husband,  
as is fitting in the Lord.”***

***Submission Means:  
“to respect and honor  
voluntarily”***



# ***In Our Marriage***

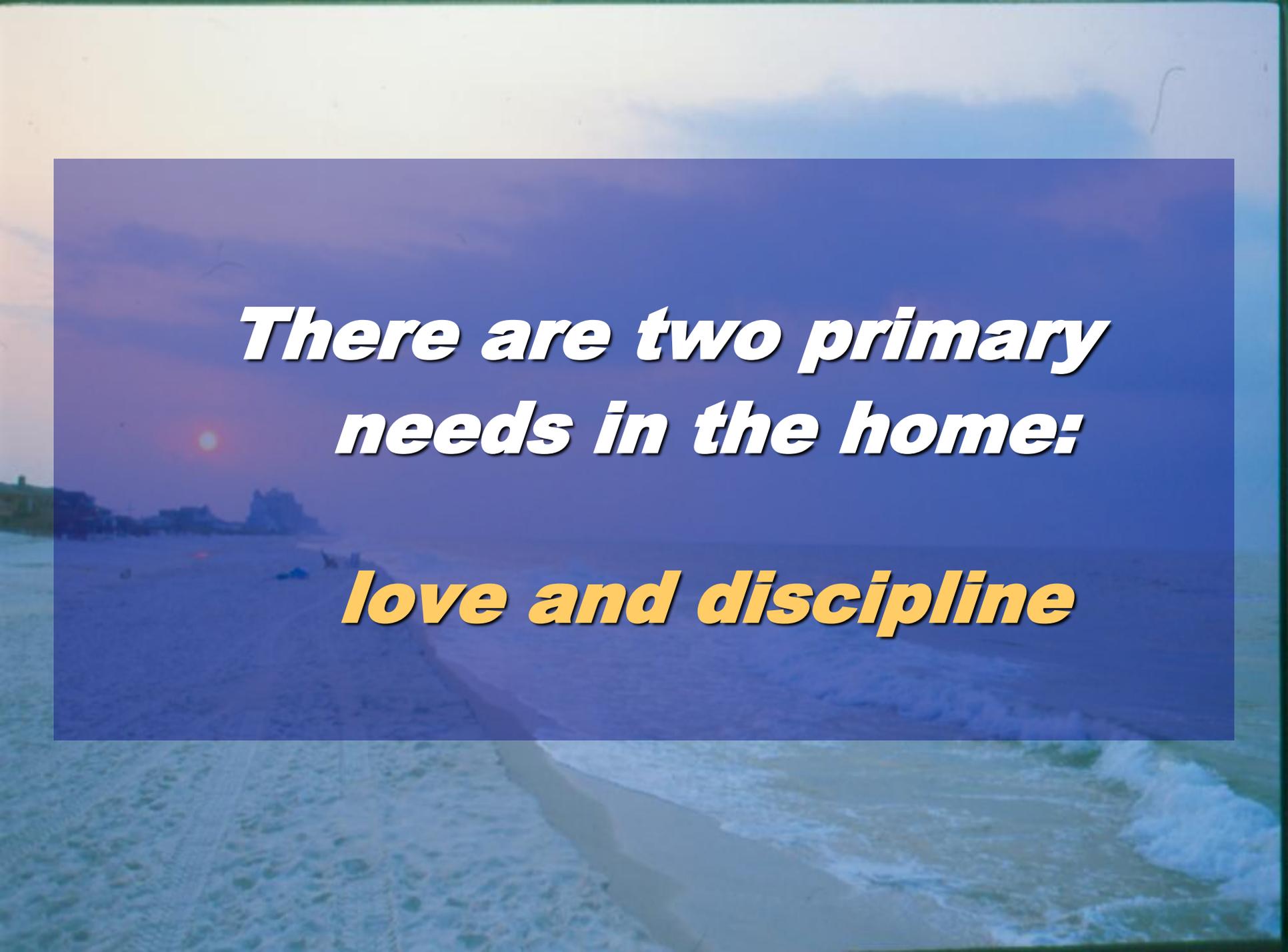
***“Husbands, **love** your wives and do not be harsh with them.” v.19***

***Love means:***

***“Unconditional compassion demonstrated in word and deed”***

## ***In Our Home***

***“Children, **obey** your parents in everything, for this **pleases the Lord.** Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.” (vs. 20-21)***



***There are two primary  
needs in the home:***

***love and discipline***

# Unconditional Love

(Luke 15:20)

# Constructive Discipline

(Proverbs 13:24)

*“He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.”*

(Proverbs 13:24)

***“Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.”***  
**(Proverbs 19:18)**

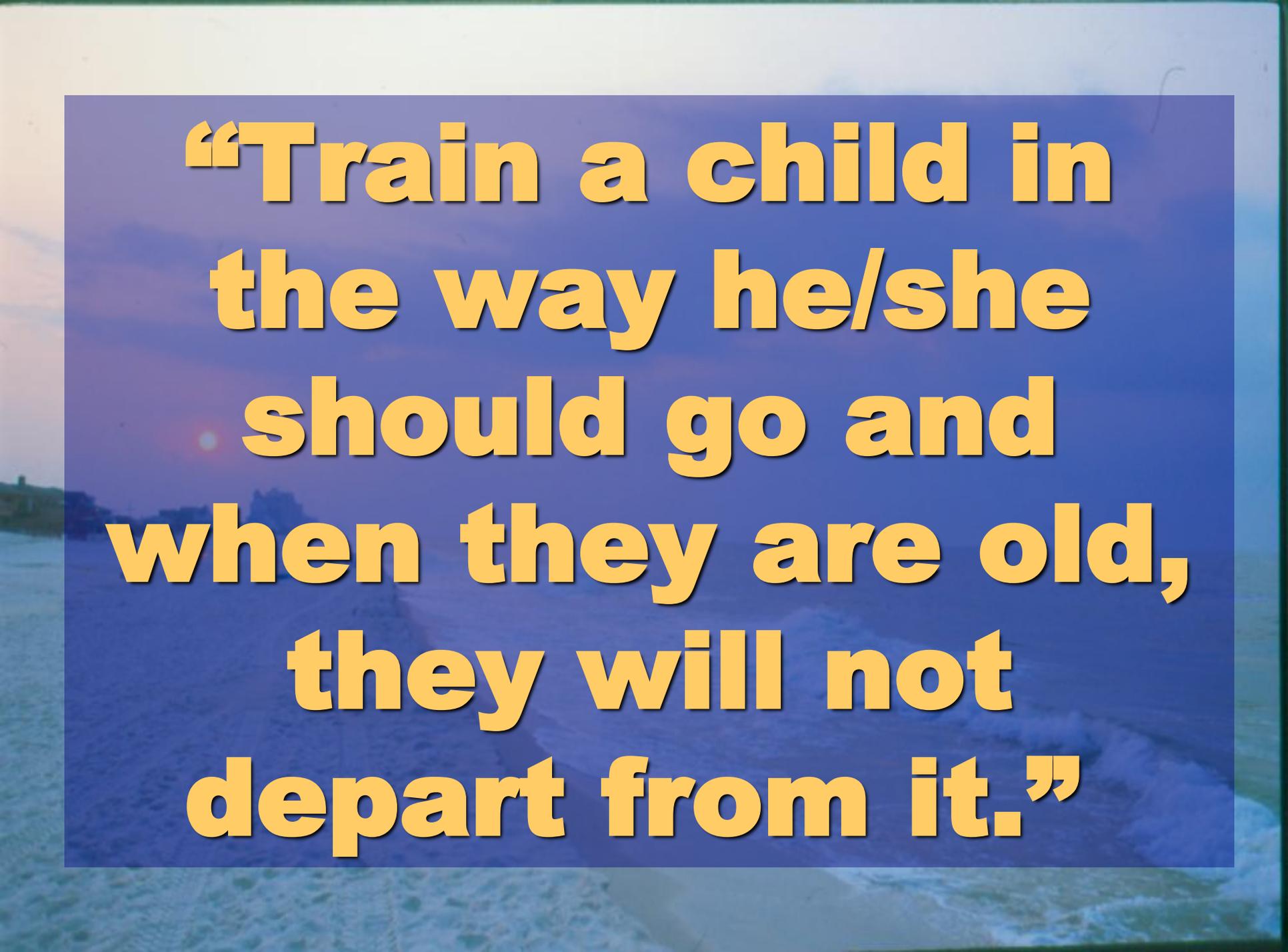
***“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”*** (Matthew 18:6)

**Share our lives with them**

**(1 Thessalonians 2:6b-8;11-12)**

**Caring, loving,  
encouraging, comforting,  
urging them to live lives  
worthy of God.**

**Spend time with them.**

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**“Train a child in  
the way he/she  
should go and  
when they are old,  
they will not  
depart from it.”**

# **Foundation for the Future**

**(Psalms 127:1; 128:1)**

**The best inheritance  
parents can leave a  
child is eternity.**

**Parents must give  
their family...**

***Roots***

**Foundation upon which to live  
their lives (127:1)**

***Reality***

**Faith lived out before their  
very eyes. (128:1)**

***“All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.” (2 Chronicles 20:13)***

***“ I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and any blessing on your descendants.” (Isaiah 44:3)***